

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed External Research Project

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1. Attached are some detailed comments on [redacted] proposal. We concur generally with them.

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2. It should be added that [redacted] proposal reflects an over-simplified view of industrial growth and is a search for "The Natural Law" governing the development of the factory system. Although a comparative study of the developments of industrial nations would be a contribution to academic research, the formulation of an operationally sound research project and a survey of the existing literature on the subject would take at least as much time as [redacted] has allotted 25X1A9a for the entire project. If his outline is a sample of his approach to this problem, it is our opinion that he is not the person to undertake or direct a useful exploration of the subject.

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3. Since a project of this nature under [redacted] direction would probably contribute little to academic research and even less to economic intelligence, it is recommended that CIA not sponsor his project.

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Subject comments